

Union Church
of
Westhampton, Mass
1829-1843

Records of Union Church
of Westhampton

1829 - 1843

Sept. ¹³ 1829

Aug. 17, 1850

dissolve Union
Church.

At a meeting convened on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1829, at the house of Austin Loud in Westhampton, pursuant to notice previously given, at which the Rev. John Truair of the Presbytery of New York presided, it was unanimously resolved that it is both expedient and necessary to constitute a Church of Christ in the Union Society. But as the members of the Church in this place, who wished to be organized, had applied for letters for that purpose, and had been refused; it was thought advisable that they should secede or withdraw from the Church which they did by the adoption of the following instrument, to which they signed their names.

To the Pastors, and Church of Christ in Westhampton the undersigned respectfully shew, & declare that while we retain our fellowship for the Church of Christ in this place, as Christian, brethren and Sisters in the Lord, we do thus publicly secede from their jurisdiction and control over us, and hold ourselves no longer amenable to them. — This we do in order that we may have Church privileges in peace, in concord and brotherly love; — That we may worship our Lord and Savior as we feel it to be our duty, and enjoy in peace, such a ministry, as is in accordance with our sense of duty, and most for our edification. We shall ever welcome the members of the Church to all our comforts, to our communion

and our joys; ever aiming to manifest toward
 them a spirit of love and Christian affection, and
 and shall ever pray for their peace and prosperity
 in the Lord, and in the power of his grace, and
 the fellowship of his spirit.

Weshampton

Sept 30th 1829

X Mchitable Lou

X Elizabeth Fisher

Lovisa J Montague

X Mary Phelps

X Abigail Strong

X Armenia Strong

X Thankfull Bridges

X Lucina Montague

X Lovina Goodale

Lovisa Clarke

X Jerusha Rhodes

X Anna Clapp

X Sylvia Baker

Mary Ann Montague

Eunice Fisher

Lydia Joy

Eunice Clapp

X Maria Clarke

X Lucretia Clapp

X Mariette Nash

X Elvira Clark

X Nancy J Sikes

X Thankfull French

X Luke Phelps

X Richard Clapp

Eli Goodale X

Nathan Clark Jr

X Erastus Parsons

Jonas Brewer

Aaron Fisher Jr

Ansel Clapp

Samuel Giddings

X Asahel Strong X

Francis Lou

Tertius Strong X

X Austin Lou X

Jonas Brewer Jr X

Leasus Sikes X

Samuel James

Joseph Stearns X

James H Lyman

David Montague

X Arisa Strong X

X Those with the

mark have

second -

X removed

mark

Nancy Strong Charlotte M Lyman
Sarah Parsons

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A confession of faith and covenant was then read; and after being read and adopted article by article, and paragraph by paragraph, was unanimously adopted as the confession of faith and covenant of the individuals who had withdrawn from the church and of others who were united with them:— who were then regularly constituted a church of — Jesus Christ. The following is a copy of the articles of faith and covenant adopted, and on the adoption of which the Union Church was constituted.—

Articles of faith and covenant

art 1 We believe that there is only one God, subsisting in a Trinity of persons of equal perfection distinguished in scripture by these appellations; Father, son or Word, and holy Ghost.

art 2 That the government of this God is infinitely perfect, and will issue in the highest felicity of his holy Kingdom. —

art 3 That the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are a revelation from God, and contain the only rule of faith and practise. —

art 4 That God made man perfectly holy at first, but that he being tempted by Satan — transgressed the law of his maker, and this involved him — self and posterity in a state of sin and utter ruin. —

Art 5 That the Lord, Jesus Christ, who is both God and man in one person, has by his sufferings & death made an atonement which is sufficient for the whole world, and that in consequence of which, God confers eternal life on all who repent and believe the Gospel.

Art 6 That man in his fallen state is totally wicked in heart, and that he performs no duty pertaining to salvation, acceptable to God, untill he is renewed by the influence of the Holy Spirit, and that regeneration is the work of God, and the fruit of free grace.

Art 7 That Christ has appointed two — Sacraments, for the use and edification of his Church, which are baptism and the Lord's supper.

Art 8 That God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, who will appear in the clouds of Heaven raise the dead, receive the righteous to life eternal, and doom the wicked to endless punishment.

Covenant

We do now, in the ^{presence of the} heart-searching God, before angels and men, receive the great Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be our God. We receive the Father, as our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ as our all sufficient and only Redeemer, and the

Holy spirit, as our sanctifier. — Renouncing every
sinful way, we devote our all unreservedly to God,
and engage by grace divine, to walk in all his —
commandments as required in his word. —

We receive the Brethren of Christ as our brethren
and his friends, as our friends. — We do also submit
ourselves willingly to the government of Christ in
his Church. — and covenant to walk in commun-
-ion with our brethren; endeavoring to keep the
unity of the spirit, promote divine worship,
christian love and fellowship, by all the means-
of Christ's appointment and within our power:
And we covenant to live as humble christians, in
a regular and faithful attendance on the wor-
-ship and ordinances, of Christ in this place, and
in the performance of all our solemn engage-
-ments to God, and to the brethren, untill we
are by death, or otherwise removed.

* Luke Phelps	x Eli Goodale
* Richard Clapp	x Jonas Brewer jr
Nathan Clark jr	Samuel James
Jonas Brewer	James H Lyman
Aaron Fisher jr	David Montague
Ansel Clapp	Samuel Giddings
x Tertius Strong	x Asahel Strong
x Joseph W Stearns	x Anais Strong
Francis Love	x Austin Love
x Texas Sikes	x Manuel Truair

* died

x removed

x Nathaniel S Stearns	x Louisa J Montague
Erastus Parsons	Lydia Joy
Eunice Fisher	Lydia Joy
Maryann Montague	x Erastus Parsons 50
x Sylvia Baker	
x Anna Clapp	
x Jerusha Rhodes	
x Lucina Montague	
x Leviak Stearns	
x Lovina Goodale	
Louisa Clark	
x Polly Hathaway	
Eunice Clapp	
x Maria Clark	
x Lucretia Clapp	
x Mariette Nash	
x Elvira Clark	
x Nehetable Lou	
x Nancy J Sikes	
x Elizabeth Fisher	
Thankful ^{her} French	
x Nancy Strong -	
x Abigail Truair	
Charlotte M Lyman	
x Abigail Strong	
x Mary Phelps	
x Tomena Strong	
x Thankful Bridges	

The Church then, unanimously chose James -
H Lyman as their Deacon, and Jenas Sikes for
their Clerk. - The meeting then adjourned without day

Attest John Truair
Jenas Sikes Clerk

A communication from the ~~Jun~~ Pastor of
of the Church of Christ in Westhampton to Jenas
Sikes Clerk of the Union Church in that place

At a meeting ^{of the} Church of Christ duly notified,
and held at the Central School house, in West-
hampton, subsequent to religious exercises, Oct 20th
1829; A paper undersigned by forty six members
of the Church, certified to be a true copy from
the ^{original} record by Jenas Sikes Clerk, was laid before
the Church by the Pastors, which being considered
the Church voted as follows. -

The Church is grieved to learn that any
of her members think themselves necessitated
^{or allowed by Christ} to take those steps which they have announced.

They say "That while we retain our fellow-
-ship for the Church of Christ in this place
as Christian Brethren and Sisters in the Lord,
we do thus publicly secede from their jurisdiction
and control over us, and hold our selves no-
longer amenable to them". To this the Church
reply It is written Gal. 3: 15 Tho it be a mans
covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disaunt-

— leth or addeth thereto,

Is not a covenant confirmed when ~~confirmed~~
avouched in the presence of God, the Lord Jesus
Christ & the holy Angels?

Christ has established the maxim, "That
every Kingdom divided against it self is brought
to desolation & every city or house divided against
itself shall not stand."

Those who secede from the jurisdiction of
the Church, deprive themselves of the privileges
of her members— And the Church in faithful-
—ness to Christ, is constrained to view them, in—
their present condition, as not entitled to her
communion.—

Finally, the church in her
unpleasant farewell to her departed members,
beseech them to compare the spirit manifested
in the reasons, which they assign for their—
conduct, with the humble & benevolent spirit
of Christ and his religion of peace, as delin-
—eated in his inspired word—

A true copy.

Horace B. Chapin
Junr Pastor

Jonas Likes Clark

Those names with an asterisk prefixed to them
were Baptised—

Members admitted into the Church
December 6th 1829

Minerva Stearns #	+ Eliza Clapp
• Loiza Torry *	+ Juliann & Harvey
James N Jewett *	x Susan Jewett #
• Lyman Strong +	+ Hannah Strong }
Minerva S Giddings,	

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To January 3^d 1830 -

+ Texas N Phelps	+ Calvin Ormsby
x Christopher Clapp	Jonathan Phelps
Lucinda Parsons	x Lorisa Bartlett #
+ Silvia Montague	Naomi Wright
# Lucy Bridges	+ Shuldah Goodale
+ Justin Goodale	Shadens B. Bartlett
+ William Baker	+ Thomas S Orucir
Samuel P. Bartlett	Timothy E. Clark
+ John G. R. Orucir	Anson Stearns #
Ebenezer Stearns #	+ Cynthia Strong
• Samuel Bartlett	Mary Bartlett }
• Lyman Wright	Rebecca Wright }
• Silvia Hooker }	Philomelia Quigley #
+ Ruth S Bridges	Irena Gouch
• x Calvin Clark	Americus Jewett. # 30

Admitted Feb'y 7th

Israel & Kurt	Timothy S Phelps
x Hiram & Pitsinger	+ Melzer Montague
x Enos J. Montague	+ Jerusha Rhodes
• + (Roswell Knight by Letter Margaret Knight),	

Admitted Feb'y 7th

+ Loring & Sikes + Lucy Kingsley
Rhoda Phelps Lydia Fisher
* Sally E Jewett Almira Parsons
Calvin Hoar by letter * Columbus Jewett *
Shebe Hoar * * Mendall Jewett *
+ Samuel W Fisher Orrendo M Sikes
Lovina Dickinson + Grace Fisher
John Baker jun + Julia Bridges 24

Admitted March 7th

Timothy Phelps + Hanson Kust ()
* Lois Phelps + Elvira Kust)
Abraham Wright * Newman Chilson
Luther Wright jun Thomas Elsworth *
Esther Parsons jun Paulina Plouf
Mercy Stearns * Edson Luigley *
Warren Petsinger * Martin Wright 2nd
+ Betsey Payne 15

Admitted April 4th

Selah Ormsby Elijah Gloyd
Lovisa Clark gr Eber Knight
Hannah Brewster 5

Admitted May 2nd

* Frankful Chilson * Nally Chilson
+ Lovina Goodale + Philonep Gere
James M Wright Warham Someroy
+ Aaron Fisher Luman Bartlett *
Lyander Ormsby 9

Admitted June 6th

X Wiram P. Randolph # 1

Admitted July 4th

X Zerviah Kirby # X Betsey Eliza Randolph
X Ephraim Searl } Sarah Bartlett
X Triphena Searl } Inman Hall
Sarah Parsons 7

Admitted August 1st

X Anna Joy .. X Aseneth Loomis 2

Admitted Sept 5th

Philander Coats # Juliette Farrow #

X Zenas Frary X Anna F Frary
X Delania K Frary Emely A Pomerooy
Harriette L Pomerooy # X Zilpah Searl
X Zilpah M Searl + Irene Parsons
David Parsons) Esther Clark
Rachel Parsons) + Diana Clark (deceased)
X Elisha King # Emeline C Ellsworth #
X Job Searl } Laura White #
X Laura Searl } Phebe Clark
X Josephus Clark. 21

Oct 1st 1830

At a meeting of Union Church Oct 1st
for the choice of Deacon, the votes being
called for it appeared that Brother Ansel
Clapp was chosen to that office.
Zenas Sikes Clerk

Deacon

Admitted Oct 3^d

Simeon Clark } x Nathaniel E. Seart
Rhoda Clark } x Maria Trany
x Josiah A Gridley. x William C Lubner
Patty Wright Sally Frenah 8

Letter
of
Recommendation

Union Church Voted Oct 3^d 1830
to give Sister Cynthia Strong a letter of
recommendation to any Christian Church
to which she may wish to unite.

Admitted Nov^m 7th

Cynthia Slack Gloc Norton
Jerusha How x John B Hall # 4

Admitted Dec^m 5

Leicester Langdon x Anna Langdon x
Thomas Upson x Maria Lunce 4

1831

Admitted Jan^y 2nd 1831

x Pliny Somerooy Rust x Rufus Clark
Abeline Jane Sanford 3

The principal
of licensing
young men
to the
ministry

At a meeting of Union Church Jan^y
3^d 1831.

Voted unanimously, that we the Union
Church adopt as a standing rule
expressing our sense of duty, propriety

and the word of God; that young men,
of promising talents, and of approved piety,
may and ought to be licensed as probationers
for the sacred ministry, to conduct
religious meetings by prayer, exhortation
and the expounding of the scriptures
according to their ability; and thus of improv-
ing their talents for their own future use-
fulness, for the edification of the saints,
and for the salvation of perishing souls
of impenitent sinners.

Jan'y 3^d 1831

James Siker. Clerk

At a meeting of Union
Church, held in Southampton Jan'y 3^d
1831 according to notice duly given, it was
unanimously voted, that in compliance with
their own request, Elisha Searl, Triforce
Searl, Anna Joy, Agneth Loomis, Kimball
Randolph, Eliza King, Zerviah King, Zenas
Frang, Kesia Frang, Anna J Frang, Deborah
Frang, Juliet L. Farrow, Job Searl, Louisa Searl,
Orathanist E. Searl, Lilpah Searl, Lilpah H.
Searl, Josiah A. Griley and Jemima Hunt.
be, and they are hereby dismissed from us,
in order that they may be constituted a Union
Church in Southampton.

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Also, that Dea James H. Lyman be

Letter of Dismissal for the
Union Church of Southampton

a delegate to attend with brother Tremain
to assist in their organization

Attest Lenus Sikes.
Clerk

Letter
granted

Feb. 7th 1831 Voted to give sister
Eliza Clark a letter of recommendation
to any Christian Church to which she
may desire to unite 1

By order of the Church

Lenus Sikes - Clerk

Admitted Feb. 6th 1831

Sylvia Luance

Admitted March 6th Do

x Oliver Clapp. Diantha Torrey # 2

Admitted April 3^d Do

Monzo How x Lewis Herick #

x William Willcutt x Lois C. Alvord 4
by letter

Letter
granted

April 3^d Voted to give Brother
Hiram Pettinger a letter to the Methodist
Episcopal Church in Northampton 1

Letter
granted

April 15th 1831 Voted to give sister
Lois C. Alvord a letter to the Church of
Christ in Huntsburg, Ohio 1

Westhampton May 9th 1831

Letter

a letter

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Voted to give Brother Richard Clapp
and Sister Anna Clapp & Eliza Clapp
and Brother Christopher & Oliver Clapp
to any Christian Church to which they may
wish to unite. By order of the Church

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Lenox Sikes
Clerk

Admitted June 5th 1831

x Sally Gere by letter from Baptist Church
William Slack & Rhoda Searl 3

Admitted July 3rd 1831

+ Jesse Edwards Oliver & Norton
Asahel Gough David W. Haselton 4

Admitted Aug. 7th

Jamar Spooner Hulda Cole
Priscilla Slack & Phebe Dewy
Clarissa Slack

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Westhampton August 22nd 1831

Voted to give Brother Lyman Strong
& sister Hannah Strong his wife a
letter of dismission from this church
to the church in Bennington

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By order of the Church

Lenox Sikes, Ch. Clerk

2 letters given

Northampton Sept 5 1831

Voted to give Sister Rhoda Searle
a letter of recommendation to any Christian
church to which she may wish to unite 1

By order of the church

Jemas Sikes Ch. Clerk

admitted Sept 5

X Morris Day

1

Northampton Oct 1831

Voted to give Maria Quance a letter of
recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal
Church of Northampton 1

By a vote of the Church

Jemas Sikes Ch. Clerk

Admitted Nov 6

Samuel Spooner Royana Burk X
Henry Van Tassell X Harriet Deary X 4

Admitted Jan 1st 1832

Mary Allen Dunham X

Eliester Thorp.

2

Voted to give Brother William C Quance
a letter of recommendation to the Methodist
Episcopal Church of Northampton 1

By order of the Church

Jemas Sikes Ch. Clerk

Admitted Feby 5 1832
x. Sophronia Angeline Perssons 1

Feby 13^m 1832

Voted to give Brother Rufus Clark a
letter of recommendation to the Methodist
Episcopal Church 1

By order of the Church

Jessie Sikes Ch. Clerk

Admitted April 1st

Lorentha Jones # 1

April 16^m

Voted to give sister
Margaret Knight a letter of recommendation
to the Church in Easthampton. 1

By a vote of the Church

Jessie Sikes Ch. Clerk

April 22nd

Voted Brothers Oling
B. Rust a letter of recommendation to
the Methodist Episcopal Church of
Northampton 1

By a vote of the Church

Jessie Sikes Ch. Clerk

April 29

Voted Brother John B
Hall a letter of recommendation to the
Church in Norwich 1

By a vote of the Church

Jessie Sikes Ch. Clerk

Received May 6th

x Hiram Gregg

Voted Brother Austin Loue
and Sisters Mahitable Loue and
Horisea Bartlett letters of recommenda-
-tions to any Christian Church 3

By a vote of the Church
Lexus Sikes Ch. Clerk

At a meeting of Union Church ~~held~~
at the house of the Rev John Truair
in Westhampton held May 25th 1832
according to notice duly given

Voted Unanimously that we deem it
expedient and for the honor of Christ
that some of the brethren be set
apart by ordination in the work of
the ministry.

Voted Unanimously that Brothers
Percius Strong and William Will-
-cutt be set apart by being ordained
to the work of the ministry on Friday
the first day of June next

Voted that the licenced —
Brethren assist the Rev John Truair
in the services of the Ordination.

Voted ~~that~~ that Brothers Timothy Phelps & David Montague assist the Rev John Truair by laying on hands of the —
Presbytery.

James Liker Ch. Clerk
Brother Tertius Strong was accordingly
ordained on Friday June first 1832

2 letters
Voted Brother Virginia Day and Sophronia
A Day is recommended to the Methodist
Episcopal Church By a vote of the Church ~
Admitted June 3 James Liker Ch. Clerk
Calista Elsworth #
+ Delia Ann Gordon
+ Mary Elester Bartlett. 3

3 letters
Voted Sister, Molly and Thankful
Chilson and Brother Newman Chilson
letters of recommendation to any
Christian Church 3
By a vote of the Church
James Liker Ch. Clerk

Ordination of
Bro Joseph W. Stern
Voted unanimously that Brother
David Montague be a delegate with
Brother John Truair to attend the
Ordination of Brother Joseph W.

Stearns at Coldrain on Tuesday the
Ninth day of Oct. inst.

Voted that we deem it expedient at
the request of the Brethren at ~~the~~
Coldrain that Brother Joseph W Stearns
be ordained

Jesus Sikes Ch. Clerk

Westhampton Oct 7th 1832

This is to certify whom it may concern,

That the Rev. John Truair has been
a regular and able minister of the New Testa-
ment, in Union Church and Association,
of an unblemished character, and a faith-
ful servant in the Church, for more than three
years past; and as such, he is affection-
ately recommended to the Christian regards,
fellowship and love, of all who love our
Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth

Westhampton

Dec 3rd 1832

By a Vote of the Church

Jesus Sikes Ch. Clerk

Letter to Brother J. Truair

Letter

Voted Brother Anson Stearns a
letter to the Methodist Episcopal
Church. By a vote of the church
Jan'y 28th 1833

James Sikes, Ch. Clerk

Feb'y 17th 1833

Union Church feeling it necessary that
the members of the Church be visited
conversed with and prayed with ^{them} they
accordingly set apart the following
Brethren for that purpose.

(viz) Dea James H. Lyman
Dea Ansel Chapin
Samuel Bartlett
David Montague
Aaron Fisher jr
Asahel Gough

Committee of Church

Letter

Voted Brother Thosam Gregg a
letter of recommendation to the
Methodist Episcopal Church

By vote of the Church
April 14th 1833 James Sikes Ch. Clerk

Voted Sister Lovina Goodale a
letter of recommendation to any
Christian Church to which she may
unite - By order of the Church
April 20th 1833 James Sikes Ch. Clerk

Letter

Letters

Voted Brother Calvin Clark
a letter to the Church in
Auburn N. Y.

By order of the Church
April 28th 1833 Leucus Sikes Ch. Clerk

Admitted August 4th 1833

^{Bartlett}
Thaddeus B Gouch

Voted Brother Josephus Clark a
letter to the Methodist Episcopal
Church Sept 29th 1833

By a vote of the Church

Leucus Sikes Ch. Clerk

Calvin Flour & Phebe Flour his wife
are now known by Calvin & Phebe Hoyt

Admitted Dec^r 1st 1833

Asahel Lyman Gouch * Ira Brewster

Charles Chauncy Clark * Anson Clark

Chauncy Wynton Langdon * James Brewster

William Patrick Hoyt.

Mary Anne Seart * Elimena Clapp Lyman

Charles Lovett and Fidelia Gridley
were Baptised by Immersion September
8th 1833

Baptism

Admitted Decm 22nd 1833

Elias Leonard Hastings. Lucretia Hastings
Nathan Spooner * Lucinda Charlott Spooner *
+ Charlott. Wright

Admitted Jan 4th 1834

Elias Brewer. Newman Clark

Admitted April 6th

Almeron Watkins * Maryann Sherman *

2 letters
Voted Sisters Jerusha ~~Rhoades~~ and
Jerusha Rhoades and a letter of recommenda-
tion to any Christian Church to which
she may ^{wish} unite

By vote of the Church

Levius likes Ch. Clerk

Admitted May 4th

Leicester ~~Thomson~~ Langdon *

Willard Slack - Isaac Alvord

August 10th 1834

Voted. to send six of the Brethren to look into the
affairs of the Church & report on Saturday the 16th

Voted Brother James H. Lysman Amos Clapp
Timothy Phelps Selah Ormsby Luther Wright
and Timothy & Phelps be this committee

Maryann Sherman
Case } Dea James H. Lysman Dea Amos Clapp and
Timothy Phelps being called upon to settle
the case and could get no satisfaction

August 16th 1834

Maryann Sherman case
At a meeting of Union Church held at our usual place of worship Aug. 16th according to notice duly given Dec. A Chap. chosen moderator A charge was brought before the church by Bro. Lenox Sikes and Sister Sarah Jones & Electa Parsons against Maryann Sherman for taking sundry small articles that did not belong to her, and then denying the same. They being found in her possession.

Voted To send a committee to admonish Maryann Sherman

Voted That Bro. Lenox M. Phelps and John. H. Towner be this committee and to report as soon as may be

Voted To adjourn to three o'clock on Saturday next the 23^d inst

Aug 23 Met according to adjournment

Bro. L. M. Phelps & J. H. Towner report That they visited Maryann and could not get any satisfaction as to her innocency she giving unsatisfactory answers But promises to attend the church meeting on ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} the 23^d.

Maryann not appearing according to her promise
Voted That Lenox Sikes & Lenox M. Phelps prepare a statement in writing to be presented to Maryann of her conduct and unless by repentance and confession of her faults before

friday the 29th at which time she is to be cut off from the church.

Voted that it be presented to the church to morrow sabbath morning for their acceptance. The instrument being presented and read before the church.

Voted to accept of the same, and that Br. Lenas M. Phelps take the letter and read the same to her (the said Maryann) at least three days before the next meeting.

Voted to adjourn to friday next the 29th at half past 4 O'clock

Aug 29th 1834

Met according to adjournment

Sister Maryann being present

Voted that if sister Maryann Sherman will go and see & confess and make reconciliation with those individuals whom she has injured to morrow saturday 30th that they ^{the church} receive her on that acknowledgement.

Voted to adjourn to sabbath 31st between the services of the day at noon

Met according to adjournment

Maryann case called up Br J. Truair spoke for Maryann and said she had done as the church had required of her. he also said that she had seen Electa Parsons, and

there was a discrepancy of feeling between them, (she being but one of the injured persons)

Voted to ^{accept of the above confession and} receive Mary Ann as a sister in the Lord Voted to adjourn to Oct 3rd at 4 o'clock
Zenas Sikes Ch. Clerk

admitted Sept 7th 1834
Luther Knight

August 16 1834

A charge was brought against Mr Wm Slack by Mr O Norton for lying & neglect of family pro^g
Voted that Dea G. H. Hyman go with Mr Norton and request his attendance at the meeting on Saturday next the 23^d

August 23

Mr Nortons reports that he had seen Mr Slack and requested his attendance at this meeting

Mr Slack not appearing

Voted that Mr Time Phelps & Saml Jones be a committee to visit Mr Slack with O Norton & report at the next meeting

Aug 29 Mr Wm Slack appeared and confessed before the church that he had done wrong

Voted to accept of Mr Slacks confession

Met according to adjournment Oct 3^d 1834
Voted to recall the last vote of receiving Maryann
which was voted 31st of August
Voted to give Maryann a lengthening of
the time of her complying with vote of the
Church The 29th of August to the 4th of October
Voted to choose one committee in behalf of the
Church and give the aggrieved parties the
liberty of choosing one on each side to go with
Maryann to those whom she has injured
Voted that the aggrieved parties shall com-
-ply with the definition that this com-
-mittee shall give to the word reconciliation
expressed in the vote of August 29th
Voted that Br Zenas M. Phelps be a
committee on the part of the Church
W^m Aaron Fisher on the part of
L. Bikes & E. Lunt & S. S. S. & Sarah & James
Br Tertius Strong on the part of Maryann
Voted to adjourn to five o'clock ^{on} Saturday
4th Oct

Oct 4th

Met according to adjournment
Br David Montague Chosen moderator
Deas Clap not being present
your committee beg leave to report
That in reference to the case of sister
Maryann Sherman Br Zenas Phelps

in behalf of the Church to Mr Tertius Strong
in behalf of the accused called upon Mr Aaron
Fisher in behalf of the accusers went to Mr
James with Mary Ann She confessed that she
had taken sundray articles, and had told
that which was false in reference to them
Two articles are missing which she confesses
she took, and were in her possession on a certain
evening and were gone the next morning all
parties affirm their entire ignorance about
them. She refused to hear the church in
point of reconciliation in reference to two articles
Silk braid and Velvet which she states were
sent to her by a young woman in Easthampton
at another time she said she got one of them
the velvet, at the house of Mr Trouair - at
another still. That sister Sarah James gave it
her. This the committee consider decided evidence
against her and weakens their confidence in the
sincerity of her confession. The offender we think
required of her nothing unreasonable in order
for peace.

Leaving Mr Fisher

We then went to Mr Sikes. She confessed to their satis-
faction except in the case of the book which or one like
it she affirms was given her by a Miss Judd in
Northampton

Information by Dorcus Fisher in respect to the
silk trade joined with comparing the silk with
that of Miss Electa Parson, as to quality and numbers
of colors leave no doubt as to the original source
of the silk trade.

Tertius Strong S.S.
L. M. Phelps

We the undersigned asked Mary Ann
Sherman how she got her velvet cuffs. She says
she got them or the velvet at Mr Truwin's
house and that Spencer was with her
when she got it

Attest

Tertius Strong S.S.

Oct 4th 1834

Electa Parsons

Sarah & James

I Lucina G Sikes saw Mary Ann Sherman
making a pair of cuffs for the vests. I asked her
where she got the velvet she said where do you
think? I suppose Aunt Sarah gave it to you.
Mary Ann said she did

Lucina G Sikes

Attest Tertius Strong S.S.

Oct 4th 1834

Voted unanimously to accept of the
report of the ~~committee~~ ^{Committee} Ch. Clark

Voted unanimously that we consider
sister Mary Ann Sherman no longer a
member of this church, and she accordingly
is cut off from the fellowship of Union Church
untill by confession and repentance she
return to the Lord.
Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Zenas Sikes Clerk

Feb'y 19th 1835

Voted to give Sisters Susan Jewett and Sally
E. Jewett Columbus and Mendot Jewett
letters of dismission to any Christian
Church to which they may wish to unite

By order of the Church Zenas Sikes

Feb'y 19th 1835

At a meeting of Union Church held at our
usual place of worship according to notice
duly given Br John Truair moderator

Voted that the Clerk of the Church send a letter to
Br James M Jewett requesting an explanation of him
in regard to a ^{verbal} confession that he directed to the Church
by the hand of his wife

A charge Brought By Mr John Truair against Henry
Van Tassel of great immorality of conduct as
swearing drunkenness —

Voted that Henry Van Tassel of Plainfield be cut
off and to be considered no longer a member of this
Church

Letters granted

Henry Van Tassel

(Lewis Herick for immorality of conduct which subjected
him to confinement in the state prison in N. Y.
Voted that Lewis Herick be considered no
longer a member of Union Church

Voted the clerk send a letter to Edson Quigley stating
to him that the church shall consider him no
longer a member of the church for his immor-
ality of conduct unless he state sufficient
reasons to the church why he should not be
severed from that body

Eber Knight for drunkenness and sabbath break-
ing
Voted that Eber Knight now of Norwich be stricken
from the church book

Sister Mary Ann Seart has been reported by public
fame to the church of having an illegitimate
child
Report that

Br Warren Betzinger for fighting
Br Ozias Dasting for drunkenness

Voted that Br. Theodore Tappan and Lenox M Phelps
visit Br William Stack upon charges they have
in their possession which are for trying quarreling and
drinking to excess and report at the next meeting

Voted that Br Lenox Sikes & Timothy Phelps visit sister
Betsey Sayne for immoralities of conduct as swearing
and drunkenness and report at our next
meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Saturday
the 28th at ten O'clock in the morning
July 28th

Met according to adjournment
Warren Setsinger case referred to adjourned
meeting

Ozias Hastings case Do Do

Wm Blacks case Do Do

Betsy Seyne case Do Do

Voted to adjourn to Saturday 7th of March
next at 2 O'clock P. M.

March 7th

Met according to adjournment
Br Ozias Hastings case called up.
Report of Br Ansel Clapp that he visited Br
Hastings and he refused to abandon his
course of drinking and would not hear
the voice of the Church

Voted that Ozias Hastings be stricken from
the Church records and

Later a Committee of two to visit all of
the members of Union Church that
have not signed the Temperance Pledge
and request them to sign the same
and report at some future meeting

Voted Br Francis How & Zenas M Phelps
be this committee

Voted to dissolve this meeting
Zenas Phelps Ch. Clerk

Edson Quigley letter dated - March 7th 1835 and to
return an answer within three months

James M Jewett letter dated - March 7th 1835
to return an answer within - four months

April 27th 1835

At a meeting of Union Church held at our usual
place of worship according to notice previously
given

Br John Truair Moderator

Voted to send Br Edson Quigley a second admonitory
before proceeding to act according to his request

Voted that Br Jonathan Phelps be appoint-
-ed ~~Church~~ assistant Clerk

Voted that Br Wm Slack be cutt off from
the Church for swearing lying quarrelling
and drunkenness.

Voted that sister Betsey Saynes case be
passed over

Zenas Liker Ch. Clerk

Admitted April 5th 1835

Mercey Thompson

Voted Br Samuel Bartlett and
sister Mary Bartlett his wife and Samuel
B Bartlett with Rhoda his wife and
Phadens B Bartlett letters of recom-
mendation to any Christian Church
By vote of the Church Zenas Liker Ch. Clerk

Wm Slack

5 letters
granted

4 letters

{ Voted to give letters to Susan Jewett Sally
E. Jewett and Columbus H. Mendall Jewett
to any Christian Church to which they
may wish to unite

At a meeting of Union Church Met at the
Center school house on Monday the 14th day of
March 1836 according to previous notice

Br James H. Lyman Chosen Moderator
And on ^{an} inquiry, it was found that Br Francis-
Lyon was agrieved by the manner that Br
Fertius Strong comes into the meeting and Br
Aaron Fisher Jr with the Doctrins he has
advanced

Voted all those who are agrieved by the Doctrins
that Br Strong has advanced in public ^{the} whole
number of votes Twenty four and eleven
voted as being agrieved 4 females being
present members of the church

Voted that a committee be chosen to draft
propositions to Br Strong to know if there
is a disagreement in Doctrins

Voted Br Amos Clapham ?
Br Francis Lyon
and Br Luther Wright Jr
be this committee and report at a future
meeting

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 28th at 2 O'clock P.M.

Met according to adjournment

Voted that the committee make their report for A Clapp in behalf of the committee reports as follows) That Mr Strong believed in our articles of faith generally and they drafted questions to Mr Strong as follows. See a Pamphlet Dated Westhampton March 23^d 1836 in which are the questions and answers of Mr Strong

Voted that Mr Strong read his answers to the questions that the committee presented to him and read it accordingly

Voted to leave it with a committee to get it published that each member may have a copy. or otherwise as they shall see fit

Voted that Mr Ansel Clapp

Francis Bond & Luther Wright go to this committee

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in May at one O'clock P.M.

May 20th 1836

Met according to adjournment

Voted that Mr Strong's answers to the questions be read one by one

Voted that we believe that Christ has a visible Church on earth

Voted that the sacraments Baptism and the Lord's supper are binding on his members

Voted that Christ second coming to judge the world is future

Voted that the general Resurrection is future

Voted that persons born of the spirit are born of God is the same

It being born of God the Father the same as being born of God the spirit or Holy Ghost

Voted that it is one and the same

Voted that we do not and cannot approve the doctrines advanced by Mr Strong in answer to the questions contained in the pamphlet

Voted that we can receive Mr Strong as a christian brother

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Texas Pike Ch. Clerk

Letter

May 20th 1836

Voted Sister Calista Elsworth a letter to any Christian Church to which she may wish to unite

By order of the Church

Lenas Sikes Ch. Clerk

Letter

Novin 21st 1836

Voted ^{Mary} Electa Bartlett a letter of recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Blanford

By order of the Church

Lenas Sikes Ch. Clerk

2 Letters

Novin 21st 1836

Voted Eli Goodale and wife letters to any Christian Church to which they may wish to unite

By order of the Church

Lenas Sikes Ch. Clerk

Letter

Decm 25 1836

Voted Jonas Brewer jr a letter of recommendation to any Christian Church to which he may wish to unite

By order of the Church

Lenas Sikes Ch. Clerk

2 Letters

Jan'y 29th 1837

Voted Philorus Gere and Sally Gere his wife a letter to any Christian Church to which they may wish to unite

By order of the Church

Lenas Sikes Ch. Clerk

Letter

March 27th 1837
Voted John F. K. Souair a letter
of recommendation to the Church
in Oberlin. Ohio
By Vote of the Church
Levas Sikes Ch. Clerk

Letter

Feb. 24th 1840
Voted Sylvie M. Marsh - a
letter of recommendation to the
first Church in W. Hampden
By Vote of the Church
Francis Dowd Ch. Clerk

~~May 8th~~
~~Voted letters of recommendation~~
~~to Melzar Montague & Enos J.~~
~~Montague~~

May 1840 Voted Melzar Montague
& Enos J. Montague letters of
recommendation to the Church in
W. College
By Vote of the Church
Francis Dowd
Ch. Clerk

Letter

Sept 9th 1840

Letter
Voted ~~a letter~~ Elias S Brewer
a letter of recommendation
to the church in South Yarmouth
Mass - By vote of the church
Francis Love
Ch. Clerk

Letter
Oct 8th 1841

Voted James Brewer a
letter of recommendation to the
church in W^m College
By vote of the church
Francis Love
Ch. Clerk

Letter
Feb 13th 1842

Voted David Parsons
& wife a letter of recommendation
to the Congregational Church in
W^m Thompson

By Vote of the Church
Attest Francis Love } Church Clerk

Sept 8th 1840

Voted at a church meeting that the
clerk give letters to all who may desire it if in
good standing - By vote of church
Attest Francis Love } Ch. Clerk

Northampton Sept 15th 1841

Union Church met at the close of religious exercises Rev Calvin Clark, being present was invited to take the chair. On motion, Voted that it is expedient to call a council of churches & ministers agreeably to the recommendation of a former Council for the purpose of preparing the way that Union Church may be in full fellowship with neighboring Churches, Voted that the 1st Congregational Church in Northampton, the Churches of Easthampton & Norwich & Rev Calvin Clark of Highland, Mich., & Rev Dr. Allen of Northampton be invited to sit in the council

Voted that the Council meet at the house of Mr Nathan Clark on Wednesday Morn. 22nd of Sept Voted that Brothers Arsel Clepp David Montague & Nathan Clark be a committee to make out the letters & present the subject before the council, for their consideration & action

Voted to adjourn

Westhampton Sept 22nd 1841

At a meeting of several ministers
& delegates convened at the house of
Mr Nathan Clark agreeably to letters
Missive, There were present from
Congregational Church in Easthampton
Rev W^m Bennett Minist

Samuel Wright delegate
Norwich Rev Ebenezer B Wright Minist

Dea. Joseph Kirkland delegate
Rev W^m Allen - Easthampton

Rev Charles Wiley do

Rev Calvin Clark Richland Mich

On motion Rev Dr Allen was chosen
moderator & Calvin Clark Scribe

Prayer was offered by (Dr. Allen,
after inquiring into the facts in the
case, ^{from} the Committees of both churches,
& hearing remarks from brethren,
On motion, Voted to adjourn till after
dinner, Voted that Council meet
half an hour & consult together,

After dinner the Council met
& was opened with prayer by Br Bennett
having consulted with various members
of Union Church & patiently deliberated
upon the subject came unanimously
over

to the following result — Viz —

We recommend that the members of the Union Church who were originally members of the Westhampton Church agree to renew their Covenant in connection with the Westhampton Church & in that act, the secession on the one part & the non-communication on the other shall in the Spirit of Mutual forgiveness be together —

Members since received into Union Church & residing in this town, shall previously receive a certificate of membership to be presented to the first Church, & then by assenting to its confession of Faith & Covenant they shall be admitted to its full communion.

Any members of Union Church not residing in Westhampton, & any of the classes above named who prefer to do so, shall also receive certificates from Union Church previous to its dissolution which they may present to such Churches as they think fit, & this Council recommends that such Churches give a respectful consideration to such certificates —

We further recommend that this arrangement be carried into effect as soon as may be, & if possible next Sabbath,

I In this proposal to the Union Church we proceed of course upon the supposition that the Westhampton Church will find no difficulty on this point to acquiesce in the terms

In the event of this arrangement being effected we trust that a spirit of Mutual conciliation & affection will be uninterrupted by the parties, & thus all traces of this unhappy affair may be speedily effaced

Adjourned.

Closed with prayer

Wm Allen, Moderator

Calvin Clark, Scribe

Oct^r 8th 1841

At a meeting of Union Church
convened at the House of Br Timothy
Phelps Amos Clapp was chosen
moderator & Jonathan Phelps Clerk
pro tem —

On Motion, Voted to ^{choose} a committee
to lay the proceedings of this meeting
before the chairmen of an ecclesiastical
^{council} held on Sept 22nd at the House of Br
Nathan Clark.

Voted that Amos Clapp
James St Lyman
Francis Land

be this committee

On motion Voted not to accept the
advice of the above named Ecclesiastical
Council

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Francis Land, } Clerk of
U. Ch.

Westhampton Jan^y 26th 1843

Letter
Voted Sister Irene Couch a letter
to the Methodist Church in Southampton
By Vote of the Church
Attest Francis Lovell J^r Ch. Clerk

Letter
Voted Brother Aaron Clark a letter
to the Church William College
By Vote of the Church
Westhampton May 20th 1844

Attest Francis Lovell J^r Ch. Clerk

Letter
Voted James Brewer a letter to
Wm's College Church

Westhampton Oct 5th 1844

By Vote of Church
Attest Francis Lovell J^r Ch. Clerk

Mrs. Lovisa C Allen a letter to
the first Church in Northampton

August 26th 1844 —

Attest F. Lovell J^r Clerk of
S Union Church

1874
1875

John Smith
John Smith

Deaths in Union Church
Brother Hanson Kust May 1st 1830

Sister Armenia Strong Oct 26th Do
Do Elizabeth Fisher March 28th 1831.

Brother Roswell Thnigh Oct 15th 1831

Brother Luke Phelps Sept 6th 1832

Sister Ruth Bridges Decem 1832

Do Delia^{anne} Gordon Jan'y 12 1833

Do Fuldin Goodale April 15 1833

Do Thankfull Bridges Novem 23 1833

Brother Sams Spooner Novem 1834

Sister Lucretia Clapp July 22 1835

Sister Harriet Edwards at Sea Novem 1835

Sister Elvira Kist August 30 1836

Do Lucy Bridges April 25th 1837

Br Crastus Parsons June 1st 1837

Br William Baker Sept 29th 1837

Sister Ruth Bridges

Do Lorissa Bartlett

Do Lucy Kingsley

Do Julia Bridges

Br Aaron Fisher

1862

1862

Children Baptised in
Decr 27th 1829

James. M. Jewett. Children

Sally. Elvira.

Lucretia Almira.

La Fayette

James Richardson

Susan Janett

1830 July 11th Fitzhenry Marsh.

Francis Howd. Do.

1830 Feby 5th Vilere Auguster

1833 Aug 4 Francis Packard

1840 Nov 20 Charles Nelson

Rowland Strong Do

1830 Feby 12th Jemas Montague

Jemas Pike Do

1830 March 28th Charles Jonson Wells

1835 February 1st John Ineair

Baptism
Absalom Hathaway Do
Cordelia July 25th 1830
James Simons Ariel
Thomas Lucretia
Almira Rebekah Mariah

Erastus Parsons Do
1830 August 1st Fanny
1832 April 3 Henry Bosworth
1833 Martha Ann

Lyman Strong Do
1830 August 29th Elizabeth Smith

Austin Loud Do
1830 Nov^r 7th Alanson Rust

Alonso Hows Do
1831 Dec^r 4th Alonso

Baptisms
Roswell Knight Children Baptised
Nov^m 16th 1830 Antemas Elderkin
Darnel Rockwell
Margaret Lucinda
Mary Clapp
Henry Allen

Oliver Norton D.
April 3rd 1831 Fordyce Kist.
April 28th 1833, Tertius Stronge

Joel S. Moore D.
April 10th 1831 Lydia Ann.

Elijah Gloyd S. Co.
April 26th 1831 Else Cobb
James Hervey

Baptisms
Samuel Giddings Children

1832 Jan^y 8th Susan
1834 June 8th Sarah, Mariah,

David Montague Children

1832 April 12th Henry Wright
1834 April 6 Hannah Lovica
1840 Nov 26th Nancy Lucina

Asahel Gough. Children Baptised
1832 April 3^d { Jonathan, Franklin
Edwin. Jud
George. Francis
Henry. Adey
Dorcas. Alsimena
Mary. Elinor
Martha. Irene

Baptisms
Serratt Jones Children

1832 Aug 4th Esther Armenia

1835 May 25th Sarah Finelia

Almeron Watsons Children

March 16th 1834 { Adelia Mariah . . .
Martha
Eliza Ann Mungon.

Baptisms

Jonathan Phelps

1836 Novm 20th Nathan Dodge ridge

1816
from the
the
Dodgeville

Letter of Recommendation Voted at

x Nathan Clark	- Lovisa Clark
- James Porter	
- Aaron Gierke	Eunice Fiske
Francis Lovel	Parkins D. Lovel
Samuel Jones	Sarah Jones
David Montague	Lovisa Montague
x Samuel Giddings	Eunice Clapp
x Jonathan Phelps	
Zimothy E. Clark	Charlotte M. Lyman
Zimothy P. Phelps	Lycia Joy
Letitia Wright	Louisa
Worham Pomroy	Sylvia Hooker
Sexton Loring	Harriet Wright
Channey W. Loring	Rebecca Wright
Nathan Spooner	Phoebe Hoyt x
Wm. Clark	Lycia F. Phelps
Amel Clapp	Phoebe Clark
	Chloe Norton
	Anna Lamy Dorr x
	Diantha Perry
	Clyment Lyman
	Lucretia Spooner
	Miriam J. Wright -

a meeting of Union Church August
17th 1850 —

Voted that it is Expedient to
renew Union Church

